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REMARKS FITTING THE TIME.

Editor The Journal:—"A prophet is without honor, save in his own country," is exemplified by the long persecution carried on in the early 60's against John H. Mitchell, the most brainy man and the best friend that ever raised his voice in behalf of the people of Oregon. The only ones now, who still carry that old howl against Mitchell, are men of very mature age, and "know anything to be so, because they know it." But their ranks are becoming thinned, their hairs are gray, their howl has become quavering and indistinct, and a few more years will bear the last faint whisper of the childish and demented minds who put in their time anathematizing and persecuting the man who soared so high above them, beyond comparison.

Now a younger class is being educated to point its malicious shafts of envy against our youthful representative in congress—J. N. Williamson. Williamson has shown his perfect fitness for his position, and his very earnest wish for the good of his people, and of his country, in the masterly effort in his speech before congress for assistance to the Lewis and Clark Centennial to be held in Portland in 1905.—a better speech I never read, bearing on its own subject. It is short, entirely comprehensive, and to the point. I know whereof I speak.

I came to Oregon 53 years ago and know that all land lying between the Missouri river and the Pacific ocean was a vast stretch of grass, timber and desert plains, and the only inhabitants were the wild untutored savages. But the march of empire heeded not the hardships and danger, but pressed steadily onward and forward, never turning back, even when the stock was killed or died of thirst. The father would improvise a cart the few indispensable household effects placed thereon, often with a small child on top. The mother, the father and all able children, either male or female, harnessed to the vehicle, trudging, trudging, trudging through the hot, dry sand with parched lips and weary feet to their goal. Dear, dear Oregon! where was planted a nation of heroes and a country of vast extent and fertility, which, with its wonderful resources, will yet be acknowledged the bright occidental star in the galaxy constituting the American crown.

Knowing these to be facts, why do you stone your Stephen, execute your Pauls, or crucify your Christs? God forgive them, they know not what they do.

Were Mitchell and Williamson known to be avaricious and dishonest men who were organizing and controlling trusts and grinding the poor while their dividends were swelling their coffers, it would be another thing, but such is not a fact—neither being rich, nor wanting to, only in great works. Stop kicking and go down to hard thinking. Balance your scales of justice, "do to others as you would be done by," and you will find that political demagoguery and snarling, envious vituperation weigh but little in your scales.

I have always been a democrat and until I found that hard money was inadequate to the wants of business in our country, and that the whole pile would not run it a week, I no longer endorsed that part. And when I found that nature had not furnished us with open canals, and dredged our streams, built our jetties, our public institutions, equipped our armies and navies, etc., all to numerous to mention, I finally bethought me to try them in my balances, and lo, these myths and fads and primitive and peccant little things flew up in the concave, passed in to this air, and became very small notes in the sunbeam.

We are a nation of progression, not retrogression, milk and light food will do the infant, but dedicated food for adults—few words

and brave acts. Just as our friends J. H. Mitchell and J. N. Williamson (the David who left his flocks and meets all enemies with daring honesty, and has his sling and pebbles to pierce the hard skulls of envy and ignorance) are doing.

Education and enlightenment should change the saying "A prophet is not without honor in his own country and with his people," to "A prophet should have all honor in his own country and with his people."

THE LOCAL OPTION LAW.

Elsewhere in the state are steps being taken both for and against the local option measure which will be submitted to the voters in June for either their approval or rejection. Inasmuch as the bill is to be voted upon, it should receive an intelligent vote and those casting their ballots either in favor of or against the law should understand thoroughly the provisions contained in the law.

The law itself, as supposed by some, is not a perpetual prohibitive measure. Its passage does not mean that the prohibition of liquor shall become a fixed fact. It means simply that in the event of the bill becoming a law that every community, either large or small, shall have an opportunity every two years to say through the ballot whether the sale of liquor shall be allowed in that community. In other words, to every precinct, town or county once in every two years is given the right to decide by a majority vote whether liquor selling shall be allowed in the district involved. The following extracts from the law itself will probably enable the voter to gain a clear idea of the question upon which he is to vote.

Section 1 of the law provides "that whenever 10 per cent of the registered voters of any county, precinct, or subdivision of a county petition the county court, said court shall order an election to be held at the time mentioned in such petition, to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited in such territory." A subdivision of a county means any precinct or two more contiguous precincts desiring to join together for this purpose. No subdivision less than a precinct can hold this election, but a subdivision may embrace the whole or part of any incorporated city or town.

Section 10 provides that if a majority of the people of any subdivision have voted for it the court consisting of the county clerk and two justices of the peace, shall immediately make an order absolutely prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the prescribed limits. If prohibition carries, no subsequent election can be had before the first Monday in June of the second calendar year following.

Section 14 provides that when prohibition has been carried at an election held for the entire county no election on the question shall thereafter be held in any subdivision or precinct thereof until after prohibition has been defeated at a subsequent election for the same purpose, held for the entire county; nor in any case where prohibition has been carried in any subdivision of any county shall an election on this question be held thereafter in any precinct of such division until prohibition has been defeated at a subsequent election held for such entire subdivision.

Thus the petition may be for a whole county or for any subdivision one or more contiguous precincts at the option of those desiring prohibition.

Speak it softly—Have you heard anything about the Columbia Southern lately?

Ed Ivory is in the cattle business at Alturas. Mr. Ivory always treats a man white.

It begins to look as if the present sheriff of Multnomah county would have a sad story whispered in his ear in a short time.

Additional Locals

T. M. Baldwin left Wednesday for Portland on a business trip.

W. F. King and wife returned Tuesday from a two week's visit in Portland.

Wm. Arnold, of Sisters, was attending to business matters in the city yesterday.

G. T. Sly was down from his Roeland ranch Wednesday attending to business matters.

Mrs. Baldwin and daughter, Mabel, of Powell Buttes, are in the city visiting relatives.

Dr. V. C. Belknap, formerly of this city, is one of the candidates for mayor of Prairie City.

Postmaster W. H. Staats, of Deschutes, came over from the river Wednesday on a business trip.

C. B. Dinwiddie, who took the teacher's examination in this city during the institute in February, has been granted a state certificate.

The basket social held at Lamonta last Friday night was attended by a large number of merry makers. Only a few baskets were put up for auction, the proceeds amounting to over \$17.

H. C. Means will take charge of the Hamilton hotel at Ashwood the first of the month. It has just been repaired and finished up in the best shape possible to accommodate the traveling public.

The many friends of Clay A. Simpson will be pleased to learn of his safe arrival at Hot Lake where he went to take treatment for his rheumatism. He is reported to be considerably improved.

Charlie Swalley came over Tuesday from Picket Island to buy provisions for the working crew which will begin construction again next week on the Deschutes Reclamation company's canals. The main canal will be extended two miles farther besides being broadened. A lateral one and a half miles long is also to be built this year.

A merry party of young and old "tourists" boarded the cars Tuesday evening and took a trip around the world taking advantage of the excursion rates offered by the Methodist church. The Union depot was crowded when the first train pulled out and a flying trip was made to several of the Oriental countries during the course of the evening. Luncheon was served at each of the stations. A total of 108 tickets were sold and the proceeds amounted to \$35.

There was some lively bidding Tuesday night for the Baskets which were put up for auction at the Modern Woodman's entertainment. The highest price paid for an eating privilege was \$11.50 and Miss Lizzie Powell and Mrs. Effie Calarava received cash prizes for having the prettiest baskets. The auction sale brought \$47.50 which will be used by 53th the Royal Neighbors and the M. W. Deputy Hubbard, of Pendleton, delivered an address early in the evening which was followed by a violin solo by A. H. Kennedy.

Here's the latest and freshest election story to come out. It happened not far from Prineville and the hero is pretty well known in town. On the day of the primaries he took his place as chairman and after calling the meeting to order and stating that nominations for delegates to the county convention were in order, he immediately, post-haste and without losing any time nominated himself.

"All those who are in favor of me as a delegate to the Democratic county convention, signify by the usual voting sign, 'aye.'"

There were no 'ayes' but, he it said, there were several winks. The self-nominated delegate rose to his feet, swelled out his chest, and in a very austere voice announced—

"There being no votes cast I decline, myself duly elected as a delegate to the Democratic county convention. Meeting adjourned."

ELECTION RESULTS

Returns of Saturday's Primaries as Sent in from Various Precincts

Ashwood, March 28.—The primaries are over and Williamson delegates were elected to attend the county convention. The Moody delegates were snowed under. It is the wish of a majority of the people in this precinct that the representative be nominated from the southern end of the county.

James McMeen is the favorite for sheriff. James Wood for county commissioner.

Delegates to the Republican county convention are: T. S. Hamilton, S. S. Black, C. S. McCorkle, M. A. Lehman.

Deschutes, March 29.—At the Republican primaries held here Saturday the Williamson delegates were elected over the Moody men by a large majority. A. H. Grant, the prospective postmaster and an aspirant for that office under Mr. Williamson's incumbency, together with our friend, Truthful James, headed the Moody aggregation, and at the opening of the primaries it was evident that they came well arrayed. The increased activity of Mr. Williamson's supporters at this juncture, however, caused the aforementioned gentlemen to be beaten so badly that they left in disgust.

Pitted against Grant and Truthful were Ovid Riley and Frank Glass, two old residents, and the result showed plainly that the newcomers of the Moody stamp were little thought of outside their own ring. The vote stood as follows: Glass 19; Riley 18; Grant 11; Lawrence 10. Grant's outfit nominated both Steidl and Awbrey to divide the Williamson vote, but we had them withdraw and then walloped them. Mr. Grant's actions and fight against Williamson is not very likely to find favor in the latter's eyes in the face of Grants wish to hold down the postmastership at Bend.

Democratic primaries resulted in the election of Thomas Triplett and W. H. Staats as delegates to the county convention. They go uninstructed with the exception of a unanimous vote to support Staats for commissioner. Sentiment in favor of renominating present Democratic officials.

Up to the hour of going to press, The Journal had received reports from the following precincts:

The Republicans elected E. G. Bolter and A. R. Lytle at Cross Keys.

Don P. Rea, Milo Gard and U. S. Cowles will attend the Republican county convention from Kutcher.

George Lytle and Alford Tipton are the Democratic delegates from Hay Creek.

McKay, (Rep.) Tom Powell, Oliver Powell, Sel McCord, (Dem.) I. W. Spear, John Elliott and Henry Grimes.

The Haystack Democratic delegation consists of T. J. Leach, G. Springer, J. W. Cook and W. F. Hammer. The Republicans elected Jerry Ackey, Perry Read, Geo. Osborn, Lee Moore, H. W. Lamson and Frank Osborn.

Montgomery, (Rep.) C. C. O'Neil, J. F. Harris, (Dem.) J. B. Merrill, and Sharp.

Black Butte, (Dem.) Guy Alingham, Bob Jordan, E. Person, E. H. Sparks.

The Ashwood Democratic delegates are Joel McCullum and Frank Doak.

From Laya will come C. B. Allen and Joe Whitfield to the Democratic convention.

Willow Creek, (Dem.) Wm. Joslin, W. McMeekin, (Rep.) Andrew Morrow, James Keenan.

Johnson Creek, (Rep.) J. S. Winler, Henry Crain, (Dem.) J. W. Elliott, John Watkins.

Mill Creek, (Rep.) W. H. Cadle, Jack Cadle, [Dem.] Douglas Lawson, C. O. Grain.

Newcom Creek, [Dem.] J. H. Gray, Wallace Post.

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